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Prescribed Burn Scheduled in the Bean Peaks and Crown King Area

PRESCOTT, AZ (September 21, 2006)—Prescott National Forest fire management officials plan to conduct a prescribed burn in the Groom Creek area starting on Monday, September 25 through Friday, September 29, weather conditions permitting. The Bean Peaks Prescribed Burn will encompass approximately 450 acres of ponderosa pine and logging slash. The legal for the burn area is Township 10 North, Range 2 West, Section 27. Smoke may be visible in the surrounding communities of Groom Creek, Pinehurst and Loba Estates. Vehicles traveling on Senator Highway should be cautious due to smoke and possible delays.

Depending on weather conditions in Crown King, fire manager's plan to burn in one of the following areas beginning Tuesday, September 26 through Friday, September 29; the Horsetheif Basin burn will encompass approximately 300 acres of brush. The legal for the burn area is Township 9, Range 1 East, Sections 4-6 and Township 10 North, Range 1 East, Sections 21-33. The Crown King burn will encompass 310 acres of ponderosa pine. The legal for the burn area is Township 10 North, Range 1 West, Sections 9-14.

In order to reduce smoke in the surrounding communities' fire manager's plan to burn approximately 100 acres a day. The fuel types within the burn area are predominantly ponderosa pine intermixed with chaparral. The objectives are to reduce the amount of hazardous fuels in the forest, return fire to its natural role in the ecosystem, and increase the productivity of plant and wildlife habitats.

As always, public and firefighter safety is our top priority. For current information on prescribed burns visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott> or call the Prescott National Forest fire information line at 928-777-5799.

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